

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, January 24, 2017
Approved

A meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners was held in the Burlington Police Department Community Room on **Tuesday, January 24, 2017**. Chair Kenney called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Chief del Pozo arrived at 6:07 PM.

The following Commissioners were present: Chair Sarah Kenney, Co-Chair Christine Kemp Longmore, Commissioner Robert Simpson, Commissioner Andrew Plumley and Commissioner Jim Dunn. Commissioner Shireen Hart joined via phone conference. Also present: Police Chief Brandon del Pozo, Deputy Chief Jannine Wright and Brion Houston, Police Commission Clerk.

Additions or Modifications to Agenda:

~ Chair Kenney moved to combine items #5 and #7 into just #5. Commissioner Plumley second. All Commissioners in favor; motion passed. #6 would become another Public Forum. #7 would be Chief's Report.

Public Forum:

~ Mark Hughes (via phone conference) from Justice For All thanked Chief del Pozo and Eric Fowler, BPD Crime Analyst, for their work on the Use of Force data.
~ Ebony Nyoni from Black Lives Matter Vermont made comments that the policy lacks proper training for Officers dealing with Black people.

Update on Research into Civilian Oversight of Police Departments – Sara Giannoni:

~ Sara Giannoni, City Councilor, updated the Commission with hopes of bringing a resolution to the February 6th meeting of the council. Sara stated that the current role of the Police Commission is very unclear and part of the research will help bring clarity.

Consent Agenda – Minutes

~ Chair Kenney mentioned to move the Consent Agenda item before the Use of Force data presentation due to some technical difficulties with the projector. With the agreement of City Attorney Eileen Blackwood, there was no issue with doing so.
~ Commissioner Simpson motioned to move the consent agenda and previous minutes. Commissioner Plumley seconded the motion. All Commissioners in favor of the motion; motion passed.

Use of Force Data Presentation – Eric Fowler:

~ Eric Fowler, the Police Department's Crime Analyst, and Chief del Pozo presented the soon to be released data report. Eric stated the Use of Force data report will be available online tomorrow.
~ Eric answered questions asked by both Commissioners and the public in attendance.

Update on Sanctuary City and Fair and Impartial Policing Policy – City Attorney and Assistant City Attorney:

~ Chair Kenney introduced City Attorney Eileen Blackwood and Assistant City Attorney Justin St. James to the Commission. Eileen discussed the language of the Sanctuary City and Fair and Impartial Policing

Policy draft to include the modifications made.

~ Chief del Pozo answered questions asked by the Commissioners, the public, and more specifically members of Justice For All, Migrant Justice, and Black Lives Matter Vermont.

~ Commissioner Hart disconnected from the conference call at 8:12 PM.

~ Chair Kenney was interested in further conversations at different locations where appropriate in the city. It was mentioned that not everyone feels safe going to the Police Department for meetings. Commissioners asked members of the public in attendance for advice on locations where meetings could be held to solicit public input on the Fair and Impartial Policing Policy.

~ The Commission picked three dates to hold further conversation: February 17th, which Migrant Justice volunteered to host, March 13 or 14th, and March 22nd. Locations are to be determined.

~ Commissioners decided that 3 or fewer Commissioners would attend each of the meetings. Meetings will be advertised as broadly as possible and Commissioners will take notes.

Review of Any Incoming Correspondence:

~ No review of any incoming correspondences during this meeting.

Commissioners' Updates/Comments:

~ No updates or comments from the Commissioners during this meeting.

Review Updated Directives:

~ No review during this meeting.

Next Meeting's Agenda Items and Date:

~ Chair Kenney stated the next meeting is February 28th, 2017.

~ Chair Kenney stated there will be three smaller meetings held throughout the city.

~ Chair Kenney requested to keep Fair and Impartial Policing and Sanctuary City policies on the next agenda for an update.

~ Co-Chair Kemp Longmore requested an update on resolution from Civilian Oversight of the Police Department – Sara Giannoni.

Chief's Report:

~ Chief del Pozo stated that he has met with every applicant of color that has failed the Entrance Exam that was taken in Pittsford at the Police Academy. Chief mentioned he and Eric Fowler have gone over study strategies to better prepare applicants for the exam and have more successful outcomes.

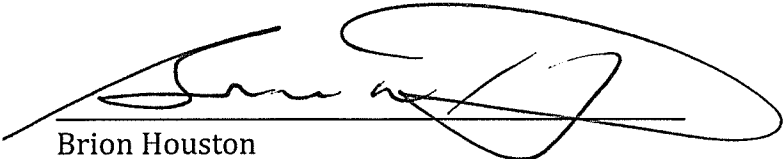
Executive Session:

~ No executive session was needed during this meeting.

Adjournment:

~ Chair Kenney motioned for adjournment. Commissioner Plumley seconded the motion moving to adjournment at 9:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brion Houston', is written over a horizontal line.

Brion Houston
Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police
Clerk of Police Commission

03/03/2017

Date